

KHARTOUM (Agencies) — Sudan sent "urgent message" Sunday to Arab, African, Islamic and other international organisations about Friday's air raid on a suburb of Khartoum which Sudan blames on Libya.

Both Egypt and Sudan have

U.S. Egypt consider airlift

The State Department had no comment on the report.

David Winn (right) a political councillor at the U.S. embassy in Beirut and U.S. observer at the Lebanon peace talks, chats with Lebanese Presidential Adviser Michel Samaha in Lausanne Friday (AP wirephoto)

KUWAIT (R) = Kuwait and international norms.

which do not conform with humane principles and disturb peace and security."

On Saturday night, the official Saudi Press Agency quoted an off-

Saudi Arabia's relations with the Libyan government of Col. Muammer Qathafi have fluctuated for several years, mainly due to differences over the pol-

Iran developing chemical weapons

her step in its ferocity. He cautioned the Arabs that unless they could implement an effective plan soon, the forthcoming Iranian offensive will not stop at any border.

By Nicholas Moore
Reuter

TV & RADIO

analysts estimate Sudan's external debts at around \$8 billion and say that servicing them consumes nearly all the country's hard currency earnings, chiefly from

He said he told Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir last month during a visit to Israel: "You are following a wrong course which we think may lead to a very dangerous situation in Lebanon."

By Hugh Carnegie
Reuter

According to one report reaching Ankara the Diyarbakir fast

He added: "Ninety per cent of

Hundreds of mainly left-wingers, accused of involvement in

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Lower House foreign affairs body backs King, condemns U.S. policy

AMMAN (Petra) — The Lower House of Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee Sunday voiced its total support for His Majesty King Hussein's statements published in the New York Times recently.

In his statement King Hussein said that the United States has lost its credibility as a mediator in the region and has failed to honour its international commitments.

In a statement released Sunday, the committee condemned American policies which, it said, "sup-

port Israel militarily, politically and morally and encourage the Zionist state to build more settlements on the occupied territories and to swallow up more Arab land."

The statement condemned the Zionist-American strategic alliance "which is directed against the Arab and designed to encircle the Arab World by linking it with treaties and agreements designed to serve the Israeli enemy's interests."

The statement also deplored

calls within the United States "which urge the Reagan administration to transfer the American embassy from Tel Aviv to occupied Arab Jerusalem in implementation of Zionist wishes."

The committee called for the convening of an international peace conference to discuss the Arab-Israeli conflict to which the Soviet Union and other permanent members of the U.N. Security Council should be invited as well as all parties to the Middle East conflict.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Nigerian universities team due soon

IRBID (Petra) — A delegation from Nigerian universities will visit Yarmouk University Tuesday during a four-day visit to Jordan. The delegation will hold discussions with Yarmouk University President Adnan Badran and university officials on co-operation between the university and Nigerian universities. The delegation is also scheduled to visit the University of Jordan, the Royal Scientific Society, King Hussein Medical Centre and the Royal Academy for Islamic Civilisation Research (Al al Bayt Foundation) in addition to a number of archaeological sites in Jordan.

Nahar to attend animal disease conference

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan will take part in an international conference on contagious animal diseases, scheduled to open in Paris on April 21 and finishing on May 5. Jordan will be represented at this conference by director of animal health and production at the Ministry of Agriculture, Dr. Abdul Ghani Al Nahar.

Official returns from studying U.S. cities

AMMAN (Petra) — Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Under-Secretary Awad Al Tal returned home Sunday after a one month visit to the USA at the invitation of the American government. During this visit, Mr. Tal met a number of mayors of U.S. cities and examined projects related to water treatment plants, sewerage and refuse disposal and roads. He also studied the U.S. experience in handling environmental pollution problems.

IDB loans to launch new enterprises

AMMAN (Petra) — The Industrial Development Bank (IDB) board of directors has agreed to grant seven loans totalling JD 575,000 to finance a number of industries in the country. The new projects will include the manufacturing of water proofing material, tiles and marble, mineral water and an aluminium factory. An IDB spokesman said that the new projects are expected to add JD 433,540 to the national income during their first year of operation and will also provide 75 extra jobs. The IDB has offered 14 loan amounting to JD 1,119,500 since the start of the current year.

Official details natal care facilities

AMMAN (Petra) — The Health Ministry operates 87 mother and child care centres in various governorates which offer basic health services to mothers and their babies, according to Dr. Zaid Al Kayed, director of the ministry's mother and child care department.

He said that there are 26 such centres in the Amman Governorate, 34 in the Irbid Governorate and 16 in the Karak Governorate, each with a staff consisting of an assistant nurse, a midwife and a doctor.

"The services offered by these centres are essential to the well being of mothers and their young during pregnancy and afterwards up until the children reach the age of five," Dr. Kayed said.

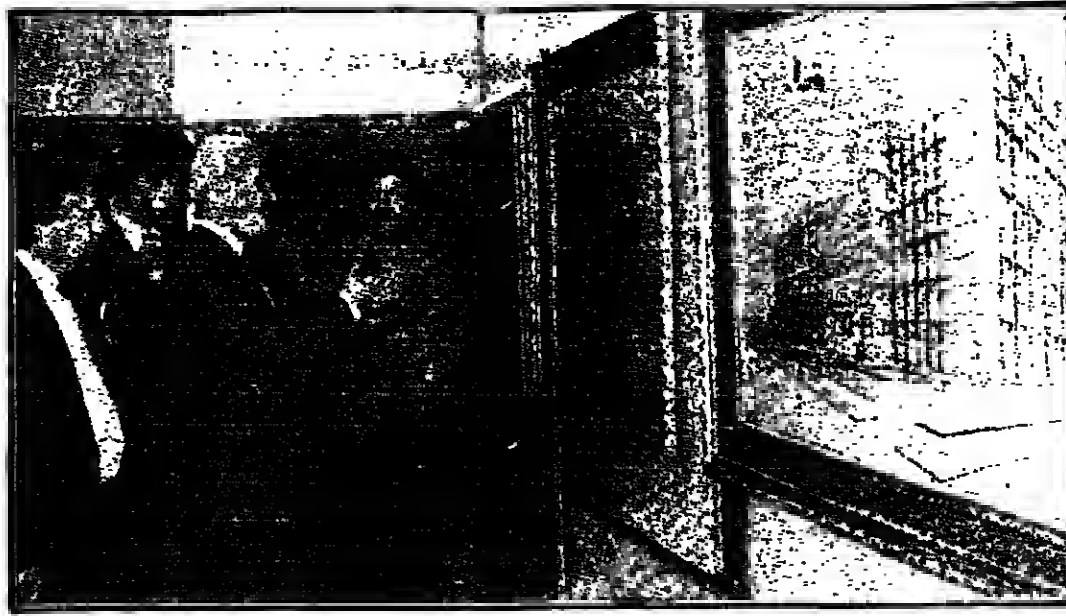
He said that the pregnant mother undergoes weekly checkups and that the young children are inoculated so as to give them immunity from disease later in their life.

The pregnant women also watch documentary films during their visits to the health clinics about domestic hygiene and child care, and sometimes they are lectured on this subjects by specialists from the Health Ministry, Dr. Kayed said.

Dr. Kayed was speaking during the symposium entitled "Workshop on Primary Health Care with the Emphasis on Maternal and Child Health," which opened at the Yarmouk University liaison office in Amman Saturday.

The symposium, resumed its meetings Sunday.

A number of working papers are to be reviewed by the participants throughout the five days for which the symposium will last.



ARCHITECTURE EXHIBITION: Public Works Minister Rayef Nijem Sunday opens an exhibition of architectural designs by Basem Khalifa at the ministry. Lasting for five days, the display comprises 75 paintings depicting architectural designs in the Islamic style (Petra photo)

Committee to investigate derailments in south

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Railway Transport Corporation has appointed a special technical committee to conduct a study into the causes of train derailments in the southern parts of the country, particularly between Al Hasa and Agaba.

The move follows reports of a number of accidents in which several goods wagons were derailed with damage causing the loss of considerable quantities of phosphates from the Hasa phosphates mines.

The committee will try to define the causes of these accidents, and to find solutions to this chronic problem, according to a report in Al Ra'i daily Arabic newspaper.

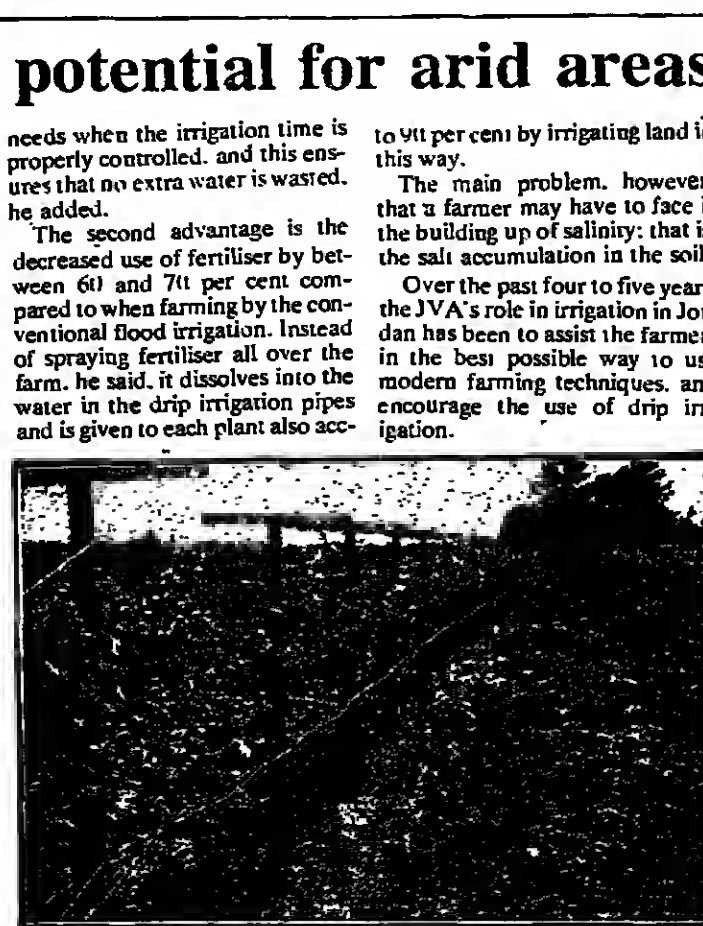


One of the drawings of French country houses, an exhibition of which opens Monday at the French Cultural Centre (J.T. file photo)

Exhibition of French houses to open today

AMMAN (J.T.) — An exhibition of drawings and photograph of French rural and urban homes built in different historical periods entitled "Les Maisons Limousines" will open at the French Cultural Centre in Amman Monday.

The exhibition, which will be held under the patronage of Mr. Peter Salah, under-secretary at the Ministry of Information will last until March 28.



The overhead style of drip irrigation is used in tandem with the tube method for certain crops (J.T. file photo)

ording to its exact need.

When asked why he has been using this system, the farmer replied citing the three important advantages of its use. The first advantage, he pointed out, is the fact that it conserves a great deal of water, which is hard to come by given the essentially dry climates of Jordan.

Threefold saving

The third important reason for using this irrigation system is because it decreases the need for manpower, he said. Therefore the farm owner, when using drip irrigation, economises on the costs of water, fertiliser, and labour.

According to an irrigation engineer at the Jordan Valley Authority (JVA), there are more advantages to drip irrigation than there are disadvantages. He confirmed the advantages that the user mentioned, and also said that the irrigation efficiency reaches up

Drip irrigation creates new farming potential for arid areas

By Sana Abdullah Atiyeh
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Jordanian farmers are becoming more and more familiar with the modern technique of drip irrigation. With knowledge of the use of the drip irrigation system progressing, they can use the extra water to irrigate other arid parts of the country, thus making them greener and more productive in the future.

Drip irrigation is the method by which to get water and soluble fertiliser to plants or trees through a network of main, sub-main, and lateral pipes. This provides the plants with the correct amounts of water and fertiliser thus, preventing as far as possible the wastage of water compared to other irrigation methods.

The first experiments conducted on the use of drip irrigation systems began in the 1940's with commercial use starting in the late 1950's and in Jordan in the mid-1970's. Since that time, this method has become of interest to farmers in Jordan; and, therefore, has started a large industry geared to the production of its necessary parts.

One producer of this irrigation system talks of the problems he faces as a local producer. One problem, he said, is trying to convince the user that the quality of

his local production is as good as, if not better than, imported products.

He said, however, that the farmer has a right to feel this way about local production because there are some bad quality products around manufactured by people whose main interest lies in making money in the quickest way possible, and disregarding the farmer's interests.

Foreign competition

Another problem for the local producer is the competition from foreign manufacturers who have much longer experience, "and less production costs for their products than we do in this young, promising industry in our country."

The third problem the Jordanian producer faces is the lack of co-operation and group research between the different manufacturers. There are many of them in Jordan who have made their total production rate much higher than the local market can absorb, he said.

"It is only possible to export these products to neighbouring Arab countries, which need these products, by working together instead of competing against each other when, no single manufacturer is capable alone of mounting the proper marketing in the export market," he said.

Pan-Arab company

This ambitious producer of drip irrigation systems dreams of having a pan-Arab irrigation company that will be strong enough to compete with all the foreign companies which are at the moment taking the biggest share of the Arab market in this field.

He feels that this could be possible because of the very big steps that have already been taken by different Arab individuals in the drip irrigation field.

One Jordan Valley farmer has been using the drip irrigation system for four years on an area covering 90 per cent of his land in the Jordan Valley. It was the first system of irrigation he has ever used for his 200 dunums, (50 acres), of farm land.

But at the same time it gives the crops the exact amount of water it



Two views of drip irrigation in action on row crops whereby the tubing does not have to be destroyed after each harvest as it can be removed by using hydraulic take-up reels (J.T. file photo)



Arar: Agreement expected soon

Baghdad meeting to define border

BAGHDAD (J.T.) — A Jordanian delegation, led by Interior Minister Suleiman Arar, has opened talks here with Iraqi officials on the demarcation of the Jordanian-Iraqi border.

"The talks do not mean that the two countries have differences over their common border. Instead the talks are designed to mark the border area in accordance with the maps," Mr. Arar said in a statement to the Jordanian News Agency, Petra.

He said Jordan and Iraq are in fact one country and that as a result, they have never had a border agreement. The talks then can be considered as an organisational procedure to demarcate the border, he told Petra.

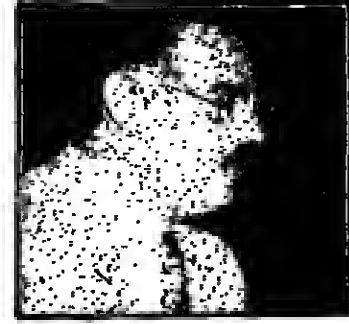
The two sides will work out an agreement on the demarcation of their common border which will later be signed by the two governments before prior to it becoming official, Mr. Arar said.

The minister, who is accompanied by officials from the department of land and surveys and the Geographic Centre at the Interior Ministry, arrived in Baghdad at dawn for the talks which are expected to last several days, Petra said.

The Jordanian side has completed all the technical studies aimed at demarcating the border and it is hoped that the agreement will be signed in the coming days, Mr. Arar said.

The minister said that he was carrying Jordan's greetings to the people of Iraq and its armed forces and would wish them further successes in their fight to stem Iranian aggression.

The Iraqi side to the talks is being led by Iraqi Interior Minister Sa'doun Shaker.



Suleiman Arar

Study shows physically handicapped do badly out of caring services

AMMAN (J.T.) — A study prepared by the Queen Alia Welfare Fund (QAWF) has revealed that 30.5 per cent of all handicapped people in Jordan suffer from physical disabilities and are the least cared for by Jordanian institutions which offer services to handicapped people.

According to the study, there are about 18,829 handicapped people in the country while only 100 physically disabled people get care from the only two institutions for the handicapped in Jordan. The study also revealed that the QAWF is establishing two new centres to offer care to the physically handicapped thanks to donations received from the government of Oman.

The study said that the Amman centre, which opens Monday, will be turned over to Al Hussein Society for the Rehabilitation of the Physically Handicapped to offer care to children between the ages of five and 18 years who will be offered physiotherapy treatment and other basic services in addition to vocational training.

Zawaideh explains delay in Abu Nuseir project

AMMAN (Petra) — Work on the Abu Nuseir housing project, to the north-west of here, will be completed in 1986, according to Mr. Shafiq Zawaideh, director-general of the Housing Corporation which is supervising the construction work.

A total of 3,700 housing units will be built in the first stage of the project and nearly an equal number in the second. Mr. Zawaideh said.

The units will be offered to government employees when the project is ready, he said.

Mr. Zawaideh attributed the delay in implementing the project to a recent decision to add a wastewater treatment plant, six schools, a central heating network, and a telephone exchange in addition to installing a water pipe network and other civil works.



The thirty members of the tourist trade in Jordan who recently attended a refresher course organised by the Dutch Airline (J.T. file photo)

KLM sponsors refresher course for travel agents

AMMAN (J.T.) — A refresher course for 30 travel and tourist agents in Jordan has just ended at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel in Amman Sunday. The course, organised and sponsored by KLM, the Royal Dutch Airlines, is being supervised by Mrs. M. de Braak, from the KLM headquarters in Amsterdam.

The final session of the course included a lecture on the various activities of KLM and its plans for 1984 delivered by the company's sales manager in the Middle East and Asia regions, Mr. H. Van der Wal.

The participants had a reception afterwards attended by representatives of various tourist and travel agencies in Jordan.

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Nevertheless, the vague word in Maputo these days is peace. There was a women's march for peace in the city last week and the government printed special posters bearing a dove, olive branch and the word "paz" (peace) in

Her Majesty Queen Noor is currently on a lecture visit of the United States. Following is the full-text of the Queen's speech at the Commonwealth Club of California, San Francisco on March 16, 1984.

But as I look to America now from my home in Jordan, I see a different image reflected at me, at my husband and children and family, at my people and at my country's hope for a better future.

Force is not solution

In its invasion of Lebanon, Israel believed it could resolve the Palestinian problem by destroying its fighting force and dispersing its people once again. She was wrong. The Palestinian people — like most displaced peoples — no matter how many times they may be uprooted by force, will continue to struggle to regain their rights. The deadly magnitude of Israel's assault upon them in Lebanon reveals

Israeli violations

With methodical purpose, in defiance of all international norms and all United Nations Resolutions censuring its conduct, Israel has persisted in a policy

U.S. credibility

American credibility among Arabs, especially after Israel's devastating invasion of Lebanon, has never been so low. If Arab faith and the faith of many other disillusioned peoples in other regions of the world—in the noble image of America as the champion of democracy is to be restored—and if a lasting peace in the Middle East is ever to be realized—it is time for America to begin doing something about bringing its practices in the line with an active and unambiguous exercise of the principles that govern its democracy.

Consider, first, the principle of inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force, which is set forth high in the United Nations Charter. In 1956, America honorably upheld this principle, when it took the strong political stand

Consider, also, human rights and the concept of self-determination, a concept that America's President Wilson gave to the world. Why is it that America refuses to apply it to the Palestinians? Why is it that in Grenada, America takes military action in the name of freedom, and at the same time ignores Palestinian demands for equal freedom? The Palestinians living under Israeli military occupation in the West Bank are experiencing every day what it means to be denied the freedom of self-determination over their own lives and future. For years, they have been suffering the denial of human rights in every aspect of their lives, morally, physically and materially.

These facts on the ground are rapidly changing the demographic character of the West Bank and Gaza, creating a new political reality that will become more and more difficult to reverse. As for the Palestinian people, individually and personally, Israel's human abuses — and I don't want to go into the unpleasant details

here — include expulsion by force or intimidation, imprisonment and detention, destruction or confiscation of personal properties, curfews, roadblocks, censorship, restriction on travel, arbitrary closure of schools and universities, collective punishments and penalties. These suppressive measures and others like them are intended to break the spirit of the Palestinian people in the West Bank and Gaza and drive them to the point of leaving their homeland in terror.

Such Israeli conduct is in specific defiance of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949, that international document signed by so many nations, including Israel. It should be noted that the protections set forth in that convention were based on the violent persecution of the Jews by the

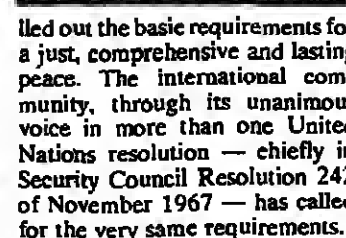
It is time for Israel to return to the ethical traditions of its Judean heritage. In recent years, we have been hearing voices of peace emerging from the people, from those Israelis who have become hounded by the heavy immoral weight of their government's illegal and intransigent policies and its continuing abuse of another people's rights. These Israelis want peace now. They recognise that there is no alternative if they are to arrive at a free, prosperous and secure life of co-existence with their Arab neighbours. They want no more ghettos, and they begin to fear that their government's policy, if continued, may make of Israel a permanent national ghetto in the Middle East.

They see that their government, in its insistence on keeping the Arab lands it now occupies, is leading Israel into one or another of two equally disturbing futures. If Israel keeps the land and confers citizenship on the 1.3 million Palestinians now living there — presuming the Palestinians accept — Israel's population would become 40 per cent Arab, and thus the Jewish character upon which Israel's statehood was conceived would be destroyed. This, to most Jewish people, is totally unacceptable.

The Israeli government, therefore, is pursuing the second option of annexing the land and gradually emptying it of its Palestinian inhabitants. To achieve that goal, it is forcing the people out, either by outright expulsion or by oppressive intimidation. Such continued violation of international law and human rights has been seriously eroding the democratic principles that Israel claims to uphold. Like the ostrich with its head in the sand, the present Israeli regime refuses to see that it is violating the very principles that it voiced to the world as the foundation of its nationhood.

Behind all the complexities of the problem, the issue finally comes down to a central point—the legal and human rights of the Palestinians to live in freedom and dignity on their own land. For decades, the Arab peoples and their leaders have been insisting on no more and no less than those legitimate rights. King Hussein, who is deeply committed to the principles of democracy in the leadership of his country, has long been a champion of those rights. He has always advocated moderation and sought peaceful solutions, rather than violence and war.

Moderation, however, does not imply weakness. Firmly, with no deviation and in unequivocal terms, King Hussein and other Arab leaders have repeatedly spe-



Hygiene to be observed

The first reader an expatriate told me that he had ordered a *mansaf* for himself and his friends from a very reputable restaurant in Amman.

When the manuscript was delivered to his house, he was shocked to find a cockroach in the sauce. Needless to say, my reader has kept the sauce with the intention of showing it to the Ministry of Health and we encouraged him to do so.

The same reader has drawn my attention to another problem in some take-away restaurants. A new restaurant specialised in seafood shows you giant fresh shrimps that are sold for JD 12 per kilo. You order them and you are asked to come back in 20 minutes. When you reach home it is not unusual that you find they frozen scampi instead of the shrimps you ordered. This is at least what happened with him.

Regarding the hygiene of our restaurants, another reader found cockroaches and ants when he opened the carton containing the fried chicken he has just bought. What is the Ministry of Health doing? We strongly encourage them to scrutinise the kitchens of our restaurants especially those for take-aways.

It is OK to pay a premium and not to get the quality and service we deserve, but we vehemently refuse to have cockroaches as bounties.

A German reader called me from Zargu to ask me to talk again about the apple problem. Her baby boy has digestion problems and can only eat apples upon instructions from the family doctor.

Why is it that the government's restrictions were directed against apples instead of canned fruit, which we know are bad for the health and more expensive; or against beauty products that are much more expensive and much less necessary? she wondered. I totally agree with her.

By David Nordell
Associated Press

TEL AVIV — In a commercial feat that could be likened to selling coal to Newcastle, Israel has succeeded in selling ouds to Arabs.

The oud is a traditional Arab lute, a little bigger than a classical guitar and with a rounded body. It is played on its own or with drums and other instruments, sometimes to accompany dancing, and is one of the most popular instruments in the Arab World.

But demand for good ouds far exceeds supply, and Israel is trying to fill the gap, says Yigal Sapir.

Sapir is director of Yuval Guitars, a company in the smalltown of Katzrin on the Israeli-occupied

Golan Heights. Yuval was looking for a way to diversify its production line, which up to now has been making guitars for the Israeli market, and four months ago hit on the idea of the oud, since there are only a few factories and craftsmen making ouds in the world.

Sapir said in a telephone interview, they found two Arab brothers living in nearby Nazareth, one a musician who plays the oud and the other a carpenter who made a few ouds as a sideline, and with their know-how Yuval was able to start production.

Sapir took his first few ouds to the International Musical Instrument Fair in Frankfurt, West Germany. There, he said, dealers from all over the Arab World approached him, and he is now tying up the first deals, with one dealer in London and others in Syria, Dubai and Kuwait.


Yuval's ouds cost from 300 to \$350 each, the cheaper model in mahogany and maple and the more expensive one in palisander wood and maple. The price, Sapir said, "very competitive" with the \$500 or so being charged by factories in Italy and West Germany, while the ouds made in Arab countries are usually not as well made.

He said he has sold about 30 so far, but the market in the Arab World is "enormous" and he foresees good business.


But he said he had no experiences like the tales of Arab customers flocking into the Jewish-owned Marks and Spencers department stores in London to buy Israeli and other goods and then cutting out the labels to avoid being accused of collusion with the enemy.

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Al Itihad's goalkeeper Ussama Stuhi punching the ball away foiling a Ramtha attack.

Egypt's Al Itihad beats Al Ramtha

AMMAN (J.T.) — Visiting Egyptian soccer team, Al Itihad from Alexandria Sunday defeated Jordan's Al Ramtha Football Club at Al Hussein Sports City stadium, in their second match of their current visit.

Two goals in the second half secured victory for the Egyptians, with the second goal coming in the dying seconds of the match.

The match, attended by no more than 2,000 spectators was held under the patronage of Dir-

ector General of Youth Welfare Organisation, Mohammad Jameel Abu Al Tayyeb.

Al Itihad who arrived in Amman last Tuesday at the invitation of Al Wihdat Football Club, drew their first match 1-1 against their hosts last Thursday.

In conclusion to their visit, the Egyptian team will be playing their final game against a Ramtha-Wihdat combination side on Tuesday.

Oxford races to ninth straight victory in record time

LONDON (R) — Oxford's powerful rowers set a record time as they scored their ninth consecutive victory over Cambridge in the annual University Boat Race on the River Thames here Sunday.

Oxford romped away to win the 130th race between the traditional rivals by 3½ lengths, clocking 16 minutes 45 seconds to better the previous mark, set by an Oxford crew in 1976, by 13 seconds.

The race was delayed 24 hours after the Cambridge boat broke in two following a collision with a tug just minutes before Saturday's start.

Cambridge rowed Sunday in a boat loaned by the British national

squad but were never a match for the heavier Oxford crew. But they too beat the old record, crossing the finish line 12 seconds behind Oxford.

Oxford's Australian president and number six Graham Jones paid tribute to the way Cambridge overcame Saturday's embarrassment: "It must have been an incredible strain on them, yet they gave us a tough race. At no stage did they look like falling," he said.

"They made us work hard all the way and it's a compliment to our strength, fitness and determination that we managed to hold them off."

Rummenigge backs off from captaincy row

BONN (R) — West German soccer star Karl-Heinz Rummenigge Sunday backed off from a row with national trainer Jupp Derwall over his future as national team captain.

Rummenigge was Sunday quoted by a Sunday newspaper as saying he would quit the national team if Derwall took away his captaincy over his transfer from Bayern Munich to Italy's Inter Milan.

When Derwall learnt of the 11.4 million mark (\$4.45 million) transfer, he said the national captain must play for a West German club.

But Rummenigge, West German captain for the last three

years, told the Sports News Agency SID Saturday night he would not make a fuss if Derwall wanted to strip him of his captaincy. "I will stay with the national team," he said.

He had not wanted to threaten Derwall, but was annoyed that he had learned of the trainer's insistence on a West German-based captain only through the newspapers.

Rummenigge, 28, and capped 73 times for West Germany, will discuss the matter with Derwall when the national team meet in Hanover for a friendly against the Soviet Union on March 28.

Steiner leads World Cup slalom

JASNA, Czechoslovakia (R) — Roswitha Steiner of Austria compensated for her poor Olympic performance by winning the

women's slalom here Sunday to head the World Ski Cup standings in the discipline.

Steiner, 20, a bank clerk from the province of Salzburg, covered what experts said was this season's toughest World Cup slalom course, which dropped 160 metres, in a combined time of one minute 35.53 seconds.

She set the fastest time of 47.78 seconds on the 57-gate first leg, but finished third with 47.75 on the 59-gate second.

France's Olympic silver medalist Perrine Pelc, eighth after the first leg with 48.87, turned the tables on Italian Olympic champion Paolotta Magoni, edging her into third place with the fastest second-leg time of 46.95 for 1:35.82 overall.

But Magoni proved her Olympic gold was no fluke as she moved up four places from the first leg to a combined 1:36.34 (48.82/47.52).

Steiner's victory took her World Cup slalom points total to 90, just one ahead of Switzerland's Erika Hess and three more than American overall World Cup holder Tamara McKinney.

Spencer ready to repeat 500cc title triumph

LONDON (R) — Freddie Spencer is poised for a runaway success in the 1984 World 500cc Motorcycle Championship.

The retirement of fellow American Kenny Roberts, his only real rival last season, makes him the clearest title favourite since the heady days of Giacomo Agostini more than a decade ago.

"Fast Freddie" begins his campaign for a repeat triumph in the South African Grand Prix, a race he won last year, at Kyalami next Saturday.

A brand new four-cylinder works Honda will be wheeled out for him and, barring mechanical teething problems with the machine, he should disappear into the distance.

Roberts, who dominated the Blue Riband big-engine category for three successive years between 1978 and 1980, will not be on hand to contest the outcome.

He has quit Grand Prix racing, at least temporarily, and the sport may suffer because of it.

Last year, the pair staged an epic struggle for supremacy — a battle reflected in the final outcome which left Spencer champion by two points and third-placed Randy Mamola, also of the United States, a staggering 53 points behind Roberts.

Spencer, from Shreveport, Louisiana, followed up his win in South Africa by taking first place in the French and Italian Grands Prix. But Californian Roberts was having none of that and roared back with first place in West Ger-

many, Austria and the Netherlands.

The duo then shared first and second place in the last four rounds, Spencer clinching the title at Imola, Italy, in a race which went to Roberts.

With the season over, Roberts decided he wanted to spend more time with his family and opted out of the championship.

He said he will still appear in selected races and fulfilled his promise by steering his Yamaha to victory over none other than Spencer in the Daytona 200 classic last week.

The Yamaha team, who fervently hope that Roberts will again grace their machines in 1985, have promoted Eddie Lawson from number two to number one rider in their team.

Lawson, now out of Roberts' shadow, could shine this season having finished in the frame on almost every outing last year.

But he failed to win and would need that sort of confidence boost if he is to threaten Spencer.

Italian Virginio Ferrari, a seasoned campaigner for several teams, has been signed by Yamaha to replace Roberts.

The team's bikes will be much the same as last year, though frames have been lightened to make them more manageable.

Spencer apart, Honda have Ron Haslam, third at Daytona and the best British prospect since double-champion Barry Sheene, and Takazumi Katayama of Japan in their line-up. Both men will ride the three-cylinder bikes used last

year. Katayama, the former 350cc world champion, is unlikely to race in South Africa because he is still recovering from injuries suffered in a crash late last season.

Mamola, who rode for Suzuki in 1983, may make an occasional appearance on a privately-entered Honda. He will be anxious to impress in order to gain a full works contract next year.

Suzuki will have no official factory team in action this year — their bikes were simply not quick enough in 1983 — but Italian and British teams will use their machines.

Franco Uncini, world champion in 1982, and Loris Reggiani will ride for the Italian importers, while Sheene and newcomer Rob McElnea will campaign for their British counterparts.

South Africa apart, all 12 rounds of the series will be staged in Europe.

The 250cc category should prove a much closer championship. Venezuelan Carlo Lavado defends on a Yamaha but he will do well to keep a close watch on his rivals, particularly Britain's Alan Carter who became the youngest ever winner of a motorcycle Grand Prix with a victory at Le Mans last April.

Carter and American superbike champion Wayne Rayney will be riding for a team which has Roberts on its managerial strength. An 80cc category replaces the 50cc class this year but the competitors will be much the same as before.

Roma moves within 2 points of Italian league leaders Juventus

ROME (R) — Champions Roma recovered to swamp Udinese 4-1 Sunday and move to within two points of Italian soccer league leaders Juventus.

Udinese, without Brazilian Zico, seemed set to spring the surprise of the day when another Brazilian, Edinho, shot them ahead after 20 minutes with a fierce 20 metre free kick.

But Roma hit back to level 10 minutes later through their own Brazilian Roberto Falcao and then eased away to take full advantage of Juventus's 2-1 defeat at Verona.

Juventus looked to be on the way of their 14th win of the season when French European Footballer of the Year Michel Platini fired them in front in the opening minute.

The goal, Platini's 19th of the season, firmly established the

Frenchman as the leading marksman in Italy and separated the sides until early in the second half when Claudio Gentile brought down Verona's Giuseppe Galzeri and Maurizio Iorio equalised from the penalty spot.

Galzeri struck again 20 minutes later to snatch Verona's winner.

Roma went 2-1 up against Udi-

nese midway through the second half when Brazil's Toninho Cerezo met Francesco Graziani's cross.

Eight minutes later Falcao was again on hand to create space for Bruno Conti who netted with a diagonal shot. Roma captain Agostino Bartolomei lashed home a free kick to complete the win three minutes from time.

China gives firm hint it will attend 1988 Seoul Olympics

PEKING (R) — Communist Party leader Hu Yaobang gave the firmest hint to date that China would send a team to the 1988 Olympics in South Korea.

He told visiting former Japanese foreign minister Masayoshi Ito that China had already decided to participate in international sports meetings according to international rules.

"China has told North Korea about this policy," Hu was quoted by Japanese sources as saying. China's participation in the

1988 Olympics would almost certainly be preceded by its participation in the 1986 Asian Games which will also be held in South Korea, diplomatic sources said.

Over the last year, South Korea and China have been making tentative overtures to one another after almost 30 years of bitterness since the Korean War.

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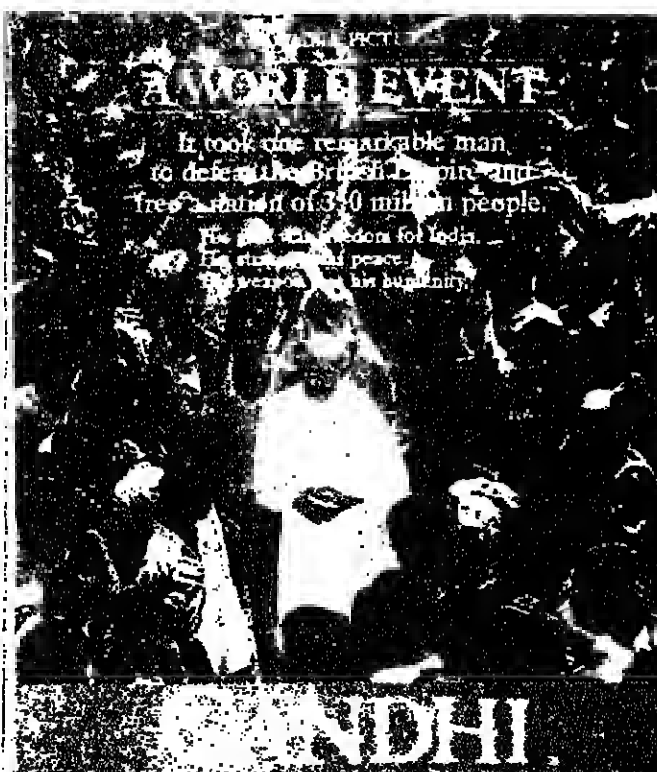
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Warner Communications buys Murdoch's shares

NEW YORK (R) — Warner Communications Inc. (WCI) ended a battle with publisher Rupert Murdoch Saturday by buying his 5.57 million shares of WCI, an eight per cent stake in the company, at a price of \$31 a share.

Earlier this year, Mr. Murdoch gained permission from government regulators to seek 49.9 per cent of Warner's shares and said he was considering ways of gaining control of the entertainment company.

But Mr. Murdoch's offer to purchase the shares of WCI owned by BHC Inc., a subsidiary of Chris-Craft Industries Inc., was rejected by Chris-Craft.

The repurchase of the shares owned by News International Plc, a subsidiary of Mr. Murdoch's News Corp Limited, at an aggregate price of about \$172.6 million, netted the Australian publisher an estimated profit of \$40 million.

WCI also announced it had reimbursed News International about \$8 million for expenses. Trading in Warner and Chris-Craft shares was suspended on the New York stock exchange on Thursday at the firms' request.

Warner stock closed Thursday at \$22.78, down \$1.375. Chris-Craft's stock closed Thursday at \$27.875, down 12.5 cents.

Warner said it would finance the repurchase of News International's shares by bank credit and through the issuance of about \$72 million in new convertible preferred stock.

Chris-Craft said it had agreed to purchase its proportionate share of this new issue and all additional shares which were not bought up by other Warner shareholders.

"This settlement enables us to end the costly disruption of WCI's business," WCI Chairman and Chief Executive Steven Ross said in a statement.

Murdoch expresses disappointment

Mr. Murdoch, who has been interested in the pay-television business, in the same statement expressed disappointment at the BHC rejection.

"We would have much preferred to be a buyer rather than a seller. At the time we purchased the shares, we made what we hoped would be a long-term investment. That investment subsequently became the focus of extensive litigation," he said.

"Because we saw no expeditious resolution to the conflict, we believe it is in the best interest of the News Corp's shareholders to invest the company's resources in a more productive manner," Mr. Murdoch said.

Mr. Murdoch had recently requested that Warner turn over to him a list of shareholders other than BHC, a move seen as pressuring a proxy fight.

Chris-Craft and BHC currently hold about 23 per cent of the voting power of all WCI securities.

This will increase to at least 24.7 per cent but no more than 29 per cent, depending on the number of WCI shares bought by BHC under the terms of issuance of the new convertible preferred shares.

Police move into U.K. troubled coalfields

LONDON (R) — Police reinforcements moved into British coalfields Sunday for what was seen by many as potentially the most serious showdown between Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and the labour movement.

After a damaging split in the miners' union and battles between miners on picket lines last week, army bases in colliery districts were pressed into service as emergency police barracks.

Mrs. Thatcher's government has, by unofficial estimates, sent at least 2,000 extra police to enforce new laws curbing picketing in labour disputes. Home Secretary Leon Brittan has vowed to protect any miner wanting to work.

Most of Britain's 180,000 miners went on strike last week in a dispute over the closure of unprofitable pits.

But moderate districts like Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, where rich seams reduce the fear of unemployment, voted heavily over the weekend against prolonging the walkout.

Miners' leader Mr. Arthur Scargill now faces growing pressure within the union to call a national strike ballot. But the focus of attention remained on "flying pickets" who last week flocked from militant districts to close mines in areas which had not gone on strike.

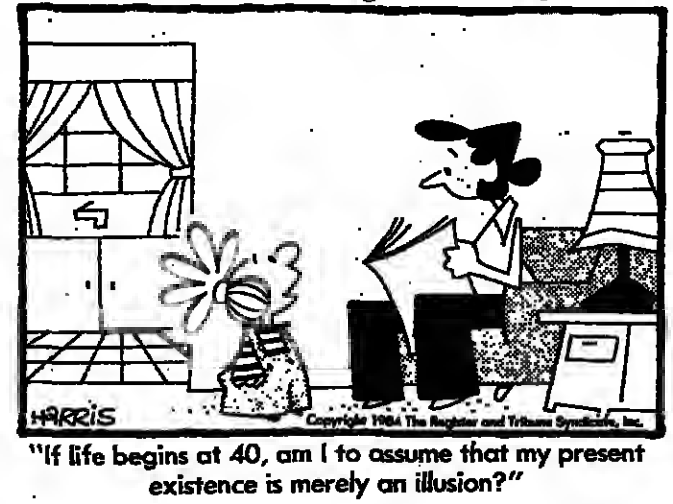
A flying picket from the Yorkshire area was killed last week in a melee outside a mine in Nottinghamshire.

The state-owned National Coal Board has taken court action to enforce the government's new laws which allow strikers to picket only the place where they work.

The legal battles could result in the confiscation of union funds.

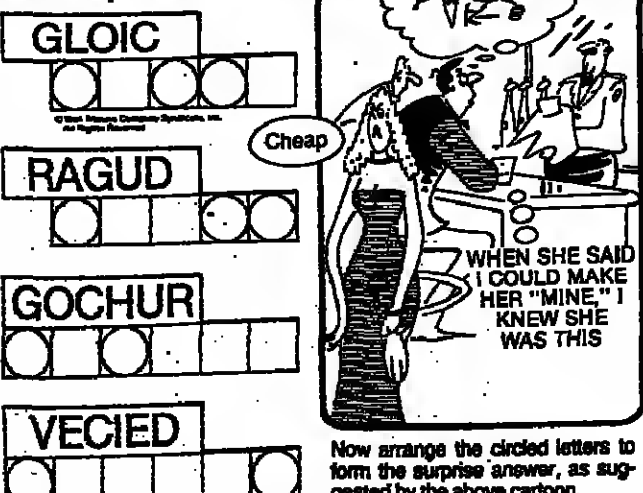
THE BETTER HALF.

By Harris



JUMBLE.

Unscramble these four jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Answers: "A" (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FIORD CHAMP GENDER BECKON
Answer: What that old goat acted like — A "KID"

Leaders of EC states meet today

BRUSSELS (R) — The leaders of the 10 European Community (EC) nations meet here Monday for a vital summit amid cautious optimism that a financial rescue deal may be struck despite persisting deep divisions.

French President Francois Mitterrand, who will preside at the summit, has told the other nine heads of state that they must take the necessary political decisions to ensure the healthy survival of the community, which is teetering on the edge of bankruptcy.

Diplomats said that, since the collapse of the last summit at Athens in December, significant progress had been made in narrowing wide divisions over how best to reform the group's finances and curb its huge farm subsidies.

Serious differences remain, however, over the key issue of British budget payments and on a series of smaller problems that are potentially as explosive, they added.

The 10 have agreed that all the loose ends must be tied up in a single package of reforms which would also inject new cash to end the community's financial crisis, allow it to meet foreign economic challenges effectively, and permit its enlargement to include Spain and Portugal.

The principal source of optimism was a breakthrough by farm ministers who last week agreed in

principle to a series of reforms which would reverse the controversial and financially crippling growth of the farm subsidies system, diplomats said.

The reforms must be endorsed by the summit, however, and diplomats said endorsement appeared unlikely without accord on cost control, another key element of an overall deal.

Mr. Mitterrand has submitted detailed proposals for a summit package but the diplomats said that at least three countries, Britain, West Germany and the Netherlands, wanted tighter budget controls than those he had suggested.

The three countries argue that farm reform is not enough without measures to ensure there is no repetition of the runaway growth of farm spending, which now swallows two-thirds of the group's cash.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will argue Monday that the need for stricter controls is underlined by this year's continuing rise in farm costs, which have soared above budget estimates in spite of the community's

financial crisis, they added.

The gravest split is between Britain and its nine partners on ways of preventing future rows over London's budget contributions.

Britain insists that a package deal must end such wrangling once and for all through a fairer system which would relate payments to a state's relative wealth and ensure that no country carried too high a proportion of community costs.

Others have come to accept elements of the British argument and Mr. Mitterrand said in his summit proposals that a budget correction may be considered if a member state found itself in a difficult budgetary situation in relation to its prosperity.

Diplomats saw this, however, vague, as an advance on his previous rejection of the British claim.

Most continue, however, to resist strongly London's manner of measuring its budget imbalance by a simple deduction of total benefits from total payments, seeing this as contrary to the community's spirit of shared obligations and benefits.

The British method produces a deficit of some \$1.7 billion and London wants a system which will give it back about two-thirds of this amount.

Some partners find this refund claim excessive and appear so far prepared to concede only one-third to a half.

Irish, Greek, W. German problems may also arise

There are also important Irish, Greek and West German problems that could cloud the summit's horizons, diplomats said.

Ireland has made its acceptance of any summit deal conditional on acceptance of its demand for exemption from plans to slash milk production as part of the farm reform package.

Dairy farming is the backbone of Ireland's farm-based economy and Dublin has compared it in importance to Britain's North Sea oil industry.

The West German aspect of the British refund question is another complication.

West Germany's biggest budget contributor, has been excused from paying part of British refunds over the past four years but would not be under Mr. Mitterrand's plan.

Diplomats said this had rung alarm bells in Bonn, which was expected to resist any deal which would substantially increase its contributions, and revived West German demands for a ceiling on any country's budget payments.

Athens has given notice that it has continued to suffer from the conditions under which it joined the community three years ago and will fight at the summit for a special deal for its underdeveloped economy.

Regan sees slowdown in American economy

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (R) — U.S. Treasury Secretary Donald Regan predicted Saturday the expansion in the American economy would slow down in the months ahead and Congress would approve a plan to reduce the budget deficit.

At a stopover on his way to China, Mr. Regan said that with interest rates at their present levels it was highly unlikely the U.S. recovery could continue to expand at its present pace.

"With interest rates where they are now, I find it hard to believe that the economy will continue to expand at the same rate," he said. "It would be unnatural."

Mr. Regan's remarks, made to reporters accompanying him on his trip, came at a time when some experts believe the Federal Reserve Board, the U.S. central bank, may be ready to tighten monetary policy to keep American inflation from re-igniting.

The treasury secretary, who will also visit Tokyo and Seoul, predicted Congress would approve a plan to reduce the U.S. budget deficit by \$150 billion over these years.

"I think we will see some deficit-reducing action in the near future," he said.

In his remarks to reporters, the treasury secretary said: "Monetary policy has to supply sufficient money to fuel the recovery."

The secretary's trip to China precedes by one month the president's first visit to Peking.

Talks to focus on tax, investments treaties

Officials said they hoped Mr. Regan would give initial approval to a tax treaty and make substantial progress towards an investment treaty that would allow U.S. business greater protection in dealing with China.

Both agreements could be signed by Mr. Reagan during his forthcoming first trip to China.

Mr. Regan's agenda also includes discussion of a controversial U.S. plan to boost its high-technology sales to China.

It has been criticised by America's Western allies which have been angered by the move to sell U.S. goods to China while Washington simultaneously opposes European and Japanese technology sales to the Soviet Union. China, which is hoping to expand its economy, needs the technology to modernise its industrial base.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Kuwait considers diversifying income

KUWAIT (R) — Kuwait's prime minister and heir apparent, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah, was quoted Sunday as saying his government was seeking ways to diversify its sources of revenue to make it less dependent on oil. He told the Kuwaiti newspaper Al Watan the government was considering raising custom duty from the current four per cent, increasing electricity prices and introducing fees for medical services. He gave no details, but added the welfare of Kuwaitis with limited incomes would be considered in any decision.

Tunisian parliament approves budget

TUNIS (R) — The Tunisian Chamber of Deputies (Parliament) approved a re-drafted 1984 budget Saturday providing for small increases in bread prices during the second half of the year. The new budget was ordered by President Habib Bourguiba in January when nationwide riots forced him to cancel a sharp rise in bread prices and re-instate costly bread subsidies. The budget also includes new taxes and government spending cuts to pay for the subsidies. Among the new measures are a 30 dinar (\$42) tax on travel abroad by Tunisian residents, and a 10 per cent surcharge tax on luxury items.

Caracas raises prices of oil products

CARACAS (AP) — Prices of oil products were increased by 20 per cent to 400 per cent Saturday as a three-week-old decree went into effect. Gasoline prices increased nearly 170 per cent for regular, the most popular, and 20 per cent for the premium, which was three times as expensive as regular. Oil went up 100 per cent while natural gas went up 20 per cent when bought in tanks and 400 per cent when directly connected. Diesel and aviation gasoline prices also were increased. The measure was taken to cut an enormous subsidy that kept the prices low in the domestic market. Local consumption, currently at 350,000 barrels daily out of a national output of 1.7 million, is expected to undergo some decline at least during the adaptation process to the higher prices.

Peanuts



Mutt 'n' Jeff



Andy Capp



Shipping jam grows in India

NEW DELHI (R) — The Indian government and unions hardened their attitudes Sunday over a dock strike which has paralysed the country's ports, leading to a growing shipping bottleneck and the possibility of an international blockade. Ships arriving since the strike started three days ago pushed the number of vessels waiting to load or unload cargo from 65 to about 90. Union leaders striking for wage rises of up to 40 per cent, compared with a government offer of 15 per cent, said they had received the backing of the London-based International Transport Workers Federation. International support could include a foreign boycott of all ships which used navy or non-union labour in Indian ports. They said an international blockade was also possible if the government took repressive measures against the 300,000 strikers at India's 10 major ports. The Indian government has said the navy was standing by to berth ships if the strike began to harm the country's economy.

FORECAST FOR MONDAY, MARCH 19, 1984

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The daytime finds you able to get things done correctly by using your best analysis, for you are apt to have poor judgment and need to double-check any decisions that you make.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Study statements given to you by a partner who is trying to pressure you into a new arrangement. Be happy with your mate.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Put more effort into that work situation, and you clear it up nicely. Do nothing that could undermine your health.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Find out what a new amusement will cost before you get into it, then forget it and be with an interesting person.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Take care you do not misunderstand a comment of a family tie and start an argument unnecessarily. Have fun.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) A letter from afar could bring trouble so use care in answering it. Make phone calls early and get rid of tensions.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You had better be careful in money matters since some wrong figuring could be costly. Don't take any more expenses.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Handle your practical affairs wisely, but don't appear too self-seeking. Join with friends and discuss what is uppermost on your mind.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Don't entangle yourself in some private worry and lost out in the business world. Keep steady at work during daytime.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You may not get the support you expect from others, but be happy with your mate. Overcome frustrations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Avoid bigwig who could criticize you at your work. Then you can have a happy time with friends. Don't force ideas on others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You need more information before you can get new ideas in motion. Then do the town in the evening.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Use only your mature judgment today since your intuitive faculties are not very reliable. Don't force your mate to do as you wish.

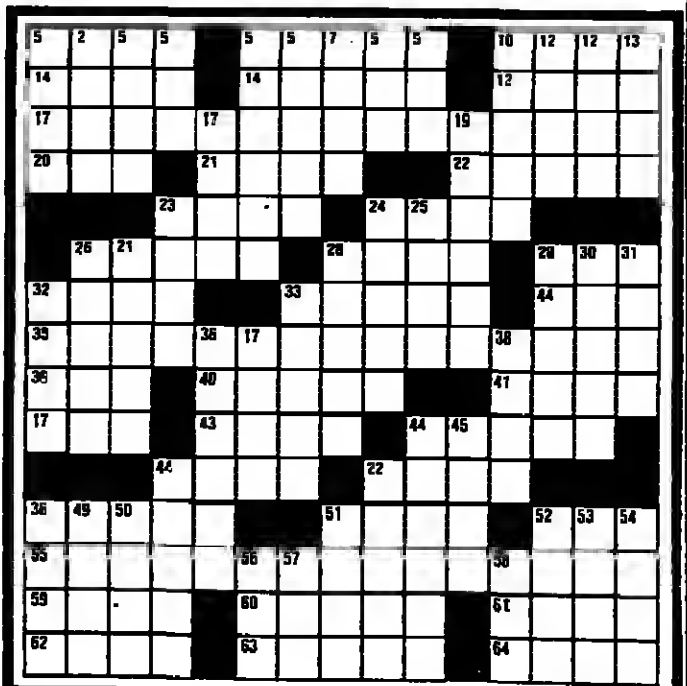
IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will be one who is apt to jump to conclusions without proper analysis, so be sure to teach to do this, and send to right schools that are helpful in this. Make sure that the diet is good and that sports are participated in.

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Salvadorean guerrillas launch campaign to disrupt elections

EL TRIUNFO, El Salvador (R) — Guerrillas have launched a major campaign to disrupt next Sunday's presidential elections in El Salvador, combining a new military offensive with moves to keep voters out of the polling booths.

The campaign opened shortly after midnight on Saturday with a mortar and machinegun attack on the army barracks in San Miguel, El Salvador's third-largest city, and simultaneous guerrilla strikes on army positions in the provinces of Morazan and San Vicente.

A few hours later, at dawn, guerrillas seized key junctions on the country's three main trunk roads, including the Panamerican Highway just outside the dusty town of El Triunfo, about 35 kilometres west of San Miguel.

By mid-morning, almost 1,000 travellers were waiting for guerrilla permission to pass. Scores of them told reporters the rebels had taken their identity cards, a document required for access to pol-

ling stations. On the back of a blue pickup truck, a tape recorder blared out a radio broadcast in which rebel chief Joaquin Villalobos announced the beginning of a new offensive under the slogan: "No to the electoral farce, yes to the popular war."

Villalobos, top commander of the People's Revolutionary Army (ERP) added on Radio Veracruces: "We are going to intensify the war before, during and after the elections... there will be no truce which would allow the (government) dictatorship to carry out a political project which has been rejected by the people."

The new anti-election campaign contrasted with a public promise

not to disrupt the vote by the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN), the umbrella organisation for five guerrilla groups including the ERP.

On Jan. 31, the chief spokesmen of the FMLN told a press conference in Mexico City that the guerrillas would not make the elections a target of military attack and would allow El Salvador's people to go to the polls.

"They have taken the ID cards of all of us," said middle-aged man at the El Triunfo guerrilla roadblock. "They have taken them so that we cannot vote."

On Saturday, the president of the rebel's political arm reiterated at a conference of the Latin American Association for Human Rights in Montreal that the guerrillas would not take military action against voters.

Guillermo Manuel Ungo, head of the Revolutionary Democratic Front, said the rebels did not consider the elections a military tar-

get. He urged the United States to open talks with them as the only alternative to a war involving U.S. troops.

El Salvador's guerrillas have spurned government offers to participate in the elections after laying down their arms. In the absence of firm guarantees for their safety, the rebels say, participation would be tantamount to collective suicide.

In the guerrilla-controlled town of Chinameca, a few kilometres south-east of El Triunfo, a guerrilla commander who identified himself as Fito declared:

"We take the ID cards as part of our boycott of the electoral farce. They will be returned after the elections."

Chinameca Mayor Enrique Orellana said the rebels had taken identity cards from villagers in surrounding districts throughout last week, saying the owners could collect their documents on March 26 — a day after the ballot.

Angolan leader arrives for talks with Castro

HAVANA (R) — Angolan President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos arrived in Havana Saturday for talks with Cuba's President Fidel Castro, expected to centre on the future of some 25,000 Cuban soldiers in Angola.

He was greeted at the airport by Mr. Castro and cheered by hundreds of flag-waving Angolan students.

Most members of Cuba's ruling politburo were also on hand to welcome the African leader, making his second official visit to Havana amid growing doubts over Cuba's future role in the former Portuguese colony.

There were no speeches at the airport and the two presidents left together to begin a weekend of talks.

Mr. Dos Santos' visit was announced at short notice and follows recent peace moves between his

government and white-ruled South Africa which could remove the main reason for Cuban military presence in Angola.

Cuba began sending troops to Angola shortly after its independence from Portugal in 1975 to help defend the government in Luanda against attacks by South African forces and pro-Western Angolan guerrillas.

But last month Angola and South Africa agreed to a ceasefire, raising the prospects of a long-term peace accord and a solution to the wrangling over the independence of Namibia (South West Africa).

"Angola is undoubtedly under pressure to ask Cuba to remove the troops as part of an agreement with South Africa which would ensure that aid for the right-wing guerrillas is cut off," one African diplomat told Reuters.

Bangladesh changes schedule for Saturday's rural elections

DHAKA (R) — The Bangladesh election commission has changed the schedule for Saturday's controversial rural elections, spreading them over five days in an apparent effort to thwart an opposition campaign to disrupt them.

Elections for the country's 414 upazilla (sub-district) chairmen, fixed earlier for March 24, will now be held on March 24, 25, 28, 31 and April 2, the commission said Saturday night.

The announcement came after military ruler Hossain Mohammad Ershad held three rounds of cabinet meetings as opposition parties prepared for a general strike on Saturday.

Two coalitions of 22 opposition political parties have demanded that Gen. Ershad move towards democratic government quickly by calling off the regional elections and instead scheduling parliamentary polls.

Observers said staggering the election dates was aimed at countering opposition plans to disperse voters from casting ballots by picketing nearly 90,000 polling stations around the country.

The rescheduling set at rest speculation that Gen. Ershad might postpone the local polls to avert another showdown like the national strike called by the opposition earlier this month.

Major opposition parties said earlier the sub-district elections would be held "over our dead bodies."

They said the regional elections were unconstitutional and were designed to provide Gen. Ershad with a new power base. But Gen. Ershad said they were part of his plan to bring stable democracy.

The commission announcement said there would be no voting in 46 of the 60 sub-districts where candidates were not contested.

Captured Irish guerrilla extradited to N. Ireland

DUBLIN (R) — Ireland's most wanted man, Republican guerrilla leader Dominic "Mad Dog" McGlinchey, was extradited to Northern Ireland Sunday hours after he was captured in the Irish Republic in a gunbattle with police.

Police said Mr. McGlinchey, 30, was handed over to Northern Ireland Security Forces at a customs post on the main Dublin-Belfast road after the supreme court rejected a last-minute legal bid to block his extradition.

The speedy action by the Dublin government was the most dramatic example to date of cross-border co-operation to combat Republican guerrillas pledged to end British rule in Northern Ireland.

There had been speculation that the Irish government would want to hold Mr. McGlinchey for questioning about relatively minor crimes in the Republic.

Mr. McGlinchey, head of the hard-line Irish National Liberation Army (INLA), is wanted in Northern Ireland in connection with a string of political murders and bombings.

He has admitted personal involvement in 30 murders and 200 bombings.

Two years ago a Dublin court, in a landmark decision, ordered Mr. McGlinchey's extradition to the north in connection with the

murder of an elderly woman in 1977.

Mr. McGlinchey jumped jail after his appeal to the supreme court was turned down and had been on the run until his capture Saturday.

He and three colleagues surrendered after an hour-long gunbattle with 40 heavily-armed members of Ireland's crack anti-terrorist unit who surrounded an isolated cottage in County Clare.

Lawyers acting for Mr. McGlinchey obtained a high court injunction blocking his extradition until the legality of the 1982 decision had been examined.

But the supreme court, meeting in an extraordinary late-night session at the request of the government, upheld their original verdict and ordered him to be handed over.

Minutes after the court's decision was announced, Mr. McGlinchey was driven from Dublin's main police station under heavy guard and taken to the border 100 kilometres to the north.

A police spokesman in Belfast said Mr. McGlinchey would be brought to court as soon as possible.

His capture was a major blow for the INLA, which has claimed responsibility for several attacks over the past two years.

Kampuchean rebels step up penetration

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BATTAMBANG, Kampuchea — Anti-Vietnamese resistance forces have stepped up penetration of several regions in Kampuchea, staging the first hit-and-run attacks against this key provincial capital and striking at another northwestern town near the fabled temples of Angkor.

Kampuchean officials and Western analysts say. In addition to the alleged attack on Battambang, in the heart of Kampuchea's rice bowl 250 kilometres northwest of Phnom Penh, the Khmer Rouge radio over the past few months also has described dramatic assaults into the northwestern and central provincial capitals of Kompong Thom, Pursat and Siem Reap.

Western diplomatic sources in Bangkok have confirmed that guerrillas twice had penetrated Siem Reap, a major Vietnamese logistics base near the ancient Angkor temples, over the past two months but that neither town nor any of the others had actual been held.

These sources note the two major non-Communist resistance groups also have increased infiltration into Siem Reap, Battambang and possibly Kompong Thom provinces from strongholds along the Thai-Kampuchean frontier and for the first time have established some co-ordination with the Khmer Rouge on the military front.

The two groups — the Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF) and one group loyal to Prince Norodom Sihanouk — have concentrated on positioning military supplies and on propaganda work among the rural people rather than confronting superior Vietnamese forces.

Hanoi's military strength in Kampuchea is normally placed at around 160,000 with the fledgling but growing Phnom Penh army at more than 20,000. According to official U.S. estimates, the Khmer Rouge fields more than 30,000 troops, the KPNLF 12,000 and the Sihanoukists some 5,000.

Moscow is the main military supplier for Hanoi and Phnom Penh while Peking has shipped large quantities of weapons to the res-

istance, particularly the Khmer Rouge.

This burgeoning military activity is affecting life in Kampuchea in a number of ways:

—Phnom Penh, the capital of more than 50,000 people, lives under a 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew that also holds for the rest of the country. In places like Battambang it can at times be moved up to 7 p.m.

Travel restricted

—Travel by international aid officials, journalists and Soviet civilian advisers in certain parts of the country has been sharply restricted. Since eight Soviet cotton advisers were killed in an ambush in the northern province of Kompong Cham late last year, Soviet personnel have insisted on flying to many provincial destinations.

"We go by helicopter because the price of human life is not cheap," one Soviet adviser told a Western aid official recently.

—Seventy per cent of the 550 amputees who have passed through a prosthetics and rehabilitation centre in Phnom Penh had fallen victim to mines — and similar cases are reported throughout Kampuchea.

—Even provinces like Kompong Chhnang — on Phnom Penh's doorstep — appear to have some security problems. Rural people interviewed talk of Khmer Rouge bands infiltrating and robbing their villages in remote areas.

A precise assessment of the security situation in Kampuchea is extremely difficult. Access by independent observers into the heartland — the villages off the main highways where most of the country's 7 million people live — is virtually impossible, and the government makes seemingly contradictory statements.

A 1983 pamphlet said the guerrillas were "creating serious obstacles to national reconstruction just at the moment when the resurrected Kampuchean nation gathers all her forces and energy."

The Vice Minister of Planning, Ty Yao, recently told a U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) delegation that the sto-



Christina Onassis, the Greek shipping heiress, is all smiles as she poses with her new husband French businessman Thierry Roussel on the steps of Paris 7th district townhall after their civil wedding Saturday morning (A.P. wirephoto)

Christina Onassis weds French businessman

PARIS (R) — Christina Onassis, head of the Onassis shipping empire, married wealthy French businessman Thierry Roussel Saturday.

Witnesses said the wedding, the fourth for Ms. Onassis, took place at the Greek Orthodox Church in the fashionable 16th Arrondissement of Paris.

The 33-year-old bride is the only surviving child of the Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis, who died in 1975.

She wore a knee-length white dress for the religious ceremony. Earlier in the day she and Mr.

Roussel had been married in a civil ceremony at a nearby town hall.

It was the first marriage for Mr. Roussel, also 33, who heads 12 companies including a Paris male model agency. In addition, he is heir to a fortune based on the French pharmaceutical firm Roussel-Uclaf.

In an interview published this week in the magazine Paris Match, Ms. Onassis said she had fallen in love with Mr. Roussel for his shyness. He said he had been attracted by the religious ceremony.

Marchers show backing for 'peace envoy' to Belfast

NEW YORK (R) — Fifty thousand Irish-American marchers honoured the patron saint of their ancestral homeland Saturday by showing support for a move to designate a special U.S. "peace envoy" to Northern Ireland.

Thousands marched up New York's Fifth Avenue in the annual St. Patrick's day parade wearing green-and-blue ribbons on their lapels, while thousands more wearing similar ribbons watched.

The ribbons signified endorsement of a move in the U.S. Congress to send a special representative to the British province

in the hope that he might hasten an end to its sectarian strife.

"An American presence in the north might be of great help," Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan said.

The New York Democrat is sponsoring a bill to appoint the special envoy and says 47 other senators are behind him.

The marchers in New York were led by the Grand Marshal, Edward Gleason, president of the International Longshoremen's Union.

Mr. Gleason earlier gave his support to the proposal for a special envoy.

Mitterrand to visit Washington

PARIS (R) — President Francois Mitterrand on Wednesday begins a week-long visit to the United States that he hopes will boost France's image there as a reliable ally.

Presidential Spokesman Michel Vauzelle said Mr. Mitterrand also wanted to give the French people "a spectacular re-affirmation of our good relations with the United States."

Mr. Mitterrand will arrive in Washington by Concorde supersonic jetliner on Wednesday evening, hold at least one round of talks with President Reagan and address a joint session of Congress during two days in the capital.

He is also keen to meet Democratic presidential nomination contenders Walter Mondale and Gary Hart although no meetings have yet been fixed.

Mr. Mitterrand will stop in five states and visit California's Silicon Valley, heartland of computer technology.

The ambiguity of France's half-in, half-out posture in NATO has proved a source of recurring tension between Paris and Washington since France withdrew from the military structure of the Atlantic alliance in the 1960s.

Officials on both sides say, however, that relations are now at their best for years despite earlier disputes between Mr. Mitterrand and Mr. Reagan. Mr. Mitterrand says that France and the U.S. have no trouble in reaching agreement when essential security questions are at issue.

The French president has given vocal support to the deployment of U.S. medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe and has generally taken a tough line with the Soviet Union.

In an article in the American magazine Parade, Mr. Mitterrand reminded Americans that they had criticised France's military withdrawal from NATO and looked askance at the development of its independent nuclear deterrent.

These decisions, however, today explained the solidity of France as an ally.

U.S. officials see Mr. Mitterrand as warmer to the Atlantic alliance than any of his predecessors and less inclined to seek popularity at home by criticising the United States.

Mr. Mitterrand, summed up in a confidential State Department report at the same time of his election as a romantic literary thinker surrounded by woefully untrained advisers, has gone out of his way to show friendship for the United States.

Two found guilty in rape trial

FALL RIVER, Massachusetts (R) — Two men were found guilty Saturday of raping a 22-year-old mother of two on a bathroom toilet in the presence of other patrons last year. A jury of eight men and four women convicted Daniel Silva, 27, and Jose Vieira, 28, after four hours of deliberation.

They could be jailed for life when they are sentenced on Friday. The highly-charged case involved six Portuguese immigrants, several of whom the prosecution said had forced the woman to perform sex acts while others aided and cheered them on.

Servicemen said to bare bottoms

LONDON (R) — Servicemen at a U.S. cruise missile base in Britain, in a gesture of defiance to anti-nuclear protesters, dropped their trousers and showed their buttocks to women outside the camp gates, a women writer said Saturday.

Lady Caroline Lowell, 51, a novelist and a member of the Guinness brewing family, said she was outside the Greenham Common base doing research for a book when the men displayed their bare bottoms through the windows of a bus leaving the base.

"I had a girl assistant with me and we were both shocked and appalled," she told reporters. "I have never actually seen something so unpleasant." She said she would complain in writing to the commander of the base. "I don't know if they were American because I only saw their buttocks," she said. "They were bending over like ostriches. It was not a very pretty sight."

Tiny infant dies

NEW YORK (AP) — A baby who weighed only 392 grams and was a mere 27.9 centimetres long died Saturday after fighting for his life for four days, according to a hospital spokeswoman. "Baby Luther Noble expired at 5:10 p.m. (2210 GMT)," said Pat Krasnauskis, spokeswoman for Misericordia Hospital. "Cause of death was cerebral haemorrhage." The boy, born four months premature, was believed to be the smallest baby ever born live in the New York state, according to Dr. Melvin Hollander, director of paediatrics at the hospital. He was smaller than a New Jersey infant, Faith Materowski, who weighed 546 grams and was 17 weeks premature when delivered Feb. 23, 1983. That baby girl recently celebrated her first birthday in good health. Luther was born at 4 a.m. (0900 GMT) Wednesday at the home of his parents.

Paris leases palace replica to Tunisians

PARIS (R) — The slowly-decaying replica of a Tunisian Royal Palace which has stood empty for 10 years in a Paris park received a new lease on life when the city approved its conversion into a Tunisian Cultural Centre. Paris Mayor Jacques Chirac and Tunisian Culture Minister Bechir Ben Sana signed an accord at city hall giving Tunisia a 99-year lease on the scaled-down replica of the Bardo Palace, the former summer residence of the royal governor of Tunis. The domed monument in Montsouris Park on the southern rim of the capital, built for the Paris Universal Exposition of 1867, had been abandoned to the elements since the French National Weather Service left it for new quarters in 1974.

Farmer fined for spraying manure

LE LOCLE, Switzerland (R) — A Swiss farmer was fined 500 francs (\$230) for turning a hose of liquid manure on a family picknick on his land, police said Friday. Things might have turned out better if the farmer had chosen his victims more carefully. They happened to include the local police chief.

China to resume 21-gun salute

PEKING (R) — China said Friday it would resume the practice of firing gun salutes for foreign leaders — just in time to honour President Reagan when he comes to Peking next month. Foreign Ministry protocol officials told the New China News Agency that, beginning this month, visiting heads of state would be greeted with 21-gun salutes and heads of government with 19.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN

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A TOUCH OF DECEPTION

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ QJ10
♥ J654
♦ 10864
♣ A8

WEST **EAST**
♠ A74 ♠ 9652
♥ 1093 ♥ Q7
♦ A952 ♦ QJ3
♣ 952 ♣ K743

SOUTH
♠ K83
♥ AK82
♦ K7
♣ QJ106

The bidding:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 2 ♣ Pass
2 ♥ Pass 3 ♣ Pass
Pass Pass
Opening lead: Nine of ♥!

Even the most experienced players can be fooled by a false card. This hand is from a recent rubber bridge game at New York's renowned Cavendish Club.

North employed the Stayman Convention over his partner's no trump opening to check on a major fit. When the heart fit was uncovered, North made an invitational raise, but South, with a minimum, declined.

With a neutral lead,

declarer would surely have made his contract. He would have had little alternative to cashing two high hearts, and the result would have been very pleasing. But the West defender, Bee Schenken, led the nine of hearts, and declarer found he had an alternative line. If the lead was honest, East held Q-10-x of trumps, and they could now be picked up.

Declarer put up dummy's jack of trumps, covered by the queen and won by the ace. The club finesse lost to East's king, and the club return was taken in dummy. Declarer led a low heart to his eight, and was surprised to find West winning the ten. West exited safely with a trump, and declarer still had one chance — to find East with the ace of diamonds. Unfortunately that card was with West, and declarer could not avoid losing two diamond tricks for down one.

This hand bears out a point that we have often made. It is not the dramatic plays that bring the best results. A quiet bit of deception is likely to be as successful — sometimes even more so.

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